



# Sally Heyman

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONER-DISTRICT 4

## UPDATE 2006



### *Dear Residents of District 4:*

It is a privilege to serve as your County Commissioner. We are part of a great, diverse and progressive community. I hope this publication provides additional awareness of some of the projects my office has been working on to improve District 4 and the county.

We have tried to bring County government closer to you by maintaining an office in District 4 and by driving regularly through the community in our mobile unit. We are cutting red tape to provide constituent assistance by working closely with Team Metro in Northeast Dade and maintaining strong relationships with area schools to foster seamless intergovernmental assistance for parents and students. To ensure wise public expenditures I am monitoring the County's General Obligation Bond (GOB) schedules and work orders for district projects and providing funds and grants for under-funded service providers, programs and local small businesses.

As Chair of the Intergovernmental, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee (IRCAC), I work with our Tallahassee and Washington legislative delegations and elected officials to champion our South Florida agenda. Our committee constantly monitors capital improvements, operation of our parks and libraries, and cultural sites, activities and events.

I have also had the opportunity to represent you and Miami-Dade County at the regional, state and federal levels by serving on the South Florida Regional Planning Council, Florida Association of Counties, National Association of Counties and the Federal Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee. I have endeavored to advocate for your needs in each of these organizations and have specifically addressed issues including hurricane protection and insurance coverage; beach renourishment and environmental issues; additional funding for public safety emergencies and Homeland Security; regulation changes to maintain government services; and obtaining additional funds for Jackson Memorial Hospital, social service and healthcare programs, additional school sites, and housing needs. All of these are critical issues for South Florida and are a significant part of my legislative and policy priority agenda.

Your views, comments and participation on these issues and other issues of importance to you and our community are welcome. I encourage you to continue contacting my office and appreciate the opportunity to represent and serve you.

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## Commissioner Heyman Donates Segways to Police Departments in District 4

**O**n October 21, 2005, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally Heyman donated a Segway Human Transporter to several police departments, including Miami-Dade Intracoastal District, Bal Harbour, Biscayne Park, Miami Beach, North Miami Beach and Surfside.

Commissioner Heyman has worked closely with the City of Aventura Police Department, the first city in the County to use Segways to patrol. Once the Segways were acquired, Aventura Police conducted the training sessions for the other departments.

“These Segways were purchased in order to help our police

departments enhance their community policing,” said Commissioner Heyman. “I’m delighted to have been able to provide these departments with equipment to help them achieve additional mobility and visibility in their communities and offer greater protection.”

Commissioner Heyman has also purchased additional Segways for other police departments located in District 4. The Segways should be on the streets of Bay Harbor Islands, North Bay Village and Sunny Isles Beach by March. She has also purchased an additional Segway for unincorporated Miami-Dade and Aventura for delivery in March as well.



*Commissioner Sally Heyman (center) with representatives from the Surfside, Miami-Dade, North Miami Beach, Bal Harbour and Miami Beach Police departments*

## Strategizing for 2006— A Lesson from Hurricane Wilma



*Members of several police departments distribute water and ice with Commissioner Heyman*



*Going door-to-door Commissioner Heyman and Margie Amador distribute ice and water throughout District 4*

**I**n the aftermath of Hurricane Wilma, Commissioner Sally Heyman and her staff worked tirelessly to get much-needed supplies to the residents of municipalities and unincorporated areas of District 4. Commissioner Heyman established a government distribution site at Haulover Park in conjunction with the Miami-Dade Police Department and with Commissioner Bruno Barreiro secured a distribution site for Miami Beach.

Commissioner Heyman worked directly with law enforcement and city officials to target areas of great need in her district and to ensure that water, ice and food were personally delivered to condominiums throughout her District that house homebound residents.

“Our greatest concern was ensuring the ability to get supplies to those unable to leave their homes,” said Commissioner Heyman. “We worked with police, city departments, places of worship, condominium and homeowner associations to deliver necessities to people in greatest need.”

Currently Commissioner Sally Heyman is working with the County’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staff on a plan for the 2006 Hurricane season. Along with the EOC staff, are government leaders who will make recommendations to protect the citizens of the community and review the regional strategic plan and ensure that the needs of District 4 residents are addressed.

## Moving the UDB...What's going on?

On November 30, 2005, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) voted to transmit to the State of Florida's Department of Consumer Affairs a resolution containing applications for changes to our Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP) governing land use. Within the CDMP resolution were nine applications to expand the Urban Development Boundary (UDB). Two weeks later, the BCC voted to override the Mayor's Veto.

**The Board of County Commissioners did not move the UDB with these votes.** As part of the required process, the County Commission sent the applications to the State for their review and comments. With the recommendation of the County's Planning and Zoning staff, applications were transmitted to the State. It will be reviewed and returned for a final vote by the County Commission in April.

I voted against seven of the nine applications expanding the UDB. I supported two applications. The first concerns an area in Hialeah which is a closed landfill and toxic dump site. Re-designated from landfill to Industrial and Office, they **must fulfill a full clean-up requirement before development**. The second application concerns an area in Kendall, bordered by two major roads on the north and east and a large residential development permitted on the south. Re-designation to Business and Office will include **constructing a road providing a thru-traffic route**, and possibly redirecting traffic.

I believe issues of toxic cleanup and road construction merits further information and review prior to the ultimate decision by the BCC in April 2006. I supported transmittal of the CDMP resolution (20 + applications including great projects within the UDB) for the benefit of obtaining full state agency review, receipt of the information prepared in the South Dade Watershed Study, the UDB Study and additional public hearings.

**The BCC has set April 10, 11 and 17, 2006 for public hearings,** data review and state comments.

Any decision to expand the UDB will require nine yes votes. I believe that extraordinary benefits must be demonstrated to justify any change in the UDB. Representing an area where existing infrastructure is overburdened and under funded, and growth projections continue, present great arguments for prioritizing responsible infill development and dedicating more funds inside the UDB, prior to expansion.

## People— Pet Evacuation Shelter

Prior to the 2005 Hurricane season, Commissioner Sally Heyman, with the support of County staff, initiated Miami-Dade County's first **People – Pet Evacuation Shelter**. The Pet-friendly Hurricane Evacuation Center is located at the Sunshine Pavilion of the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition Center and serves as the model for pending legislation in Tallahassee.

**"People required to evacuate should not have to abandon their pets or risk their personal safety to keep their pets with them,"** said Commissioner Heyman.

**Commissioner Heyman and Miami-Dade School Board member Dr. Martin Karp have teamed up to identify a people-pet friendly shelter site for North Miami-Dade.**



*Commissioner Sally Heyman with Andi and Lucy*

## Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Highlights...

**T**he Building Better Communities Bond Program for Miami-Dade County and its eight bond issues were overwhelmingly supported by District 4 residents in the November 2004 election. The success of this program will fund over \$3 billion of infrastructure and quality of life projects county wide, and many improvements in District 4 neighborhoods.

The first bond sale funded more than 200 capital projects. Many projects identified by the Community Councils and cities in District 4 are included in the first bond sale, and some of the work has already begun. This series of projects includes infrastructure improvements such as sidewalk repair; expanded and additional bikeways; expanded water, sewer and drainage systems; improvements to regional and neighborhood parks; upgrades to public buildings; library renovations; bridge repairs and the restoration of numerous facilities and county and city sites.

"Building Better Communities" signs are sprouting up throughout the county highlighting the series of improvements slated for your area. Thank you again for supporting this capitol improvement effort and this investment in our community.





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## Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Brings Marine Services to Northeast Dade

**C**ommissioner Sally Heyman presented a \$15,000 check to the Marine Services Bureau of the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR), for the purchase of safety and electronic equipment for their newly acquired fire rescue boat they received from the Police Marine Patrol. The new fire rescue boat is part of ongoing efforts by the MDRF to improve and expand its response to emergencies on or near the water.

The need for a fire rescue boat was highlighted this past year with incidents in northeast Miami-Dade County, including a fire that destroyed a 55-foot yacht in Aventura, and the emergency landing of a cargo plane into Maule Lake. Additionally, this boat has the capability to handle highrise and structure fires from our local waterways. The Fairmont Turnberry Isle Yacht Club has donated a slip to dock the vessel.



“This is an excellent example of how the county works to improve the quality of services and enhance the safety of our residents,” said Commissioner Heyman. “I am happy to contribute and be a part of this collaboration between the County’s Police and Fire Rescue departments.”



North Miami Beach Mayor Ray Marin; Assistant County Manager Susy Torriente; Commissioner Sally Heyman; Lt. Abel Fernandez; Chief Ray Baretto, Special Operations Division; Gary Rainey, Local 1403